DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sivasubramonia Pillai, I have already expressed my view on the subject of grazing lands for cattle and on the subject of removing the agricultural farm. Of the remaining points, will you kindly select four of these which you consider most necessary and communicate a list to the Chief Secretary. I will have them examined.

112. Needs of the Shencotta taluk.

MR. N. K. S. KRISHNASWAMI KARAYALAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) dealt with the following subjects :—

(1) Construction of pucca bridges over Hanumanadi at Aikudi and Sambavarvadakara. The necessity for a bridge at Aikudi was urged before the Assembly at the 22nd and 23rd sessions, but it was stated that an estimate had been called for. The proposal had not, however, progressed beyond that. The necessity for the bridge had become keener with the opening of the Tenkasi-Virudanagar railway. Equally important was the construction of a bridge at Sambavarvadakara. The construction of this bridge could not wait, as Government supposed, till the completion of the bridge at Aikudi.

(2) Holding of agricultural conferences every year. This subject was brought forward at the 21st session of the Assembly, when Government expressed their opinion in favour of it. But no conferences were actually held till now.

(3) The necessity for the improvement of the Aikudi-Kilangad road and the opening of an approach road to the above road from the Valliammapuram railway station. There was no easy access from the new railway station at Valliammapuram to the adjacent places. People alighting at the station were therefore put to considerable inconvenience. The station should first be connected with Kilangad and Aikudi by a road. For that the Ayikudi-Kilangad road running through Kilangad should be connected with the station by an approach road. Secondly, the Ayikudi-Kilangad road was not in good condition. The road should be improved.

(4) The necessity for the opening of an agricultural school and a weaving school in the taluk. Agriculture and weaving formed the chief occupations of the people of the taluk and it was necessary that they should be given up to date instruction in both.

DEWAN'S REPLY; Mr. Krishnaswami Karayalar, in regard to the bridge over Hanumannadi at Aikudi and Samburvadakara, the Chief Engineer has now received the hydraulic details upon which he is going to make calculations for a bridge and the matter is under examination.

In regard to Aikudi-Kilangad road, I have nothing to add to what I said last year on the subject beyond saying that the question of a road is under consideration.

Government have already opened an agricultural school at Alwaye and one more will shortly be opened at Kottarakara. Another one is also under contemplation. I do not consider that it is possible to open one at Shencotta.

So too in regard to the weaving school. The Director of Industries who enquired into the matter found that the only handicap from which the industry is suffering is the lack of circulating capital. There are rules under which industrial loans can be granted. If you apply under these rules, I have no doubt you will get whatever help is possible. In regard to the two schools, you mentioned, if they are opened by private agencies, Government might consider the question of a grant.

113. Needs of the Shencotta town.

MR. N. K. S. KRISHNASWAMI KARAYALAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) spoke on the following needs of the Shencotta town:—

(1) Necessity for the construction of a Satrom near the Shencotta railway station. The accommodation in the Shencotta railway station was very poor, particularly for third class passengers. The station was growing in importance. A Satrom should therefore be provided near the station for the comfort of passengers.

(2) Desirability of removing toddy and arrack shops from the town limits. The arrack shop at Shencotta was situated just near the court building and the toddy shop a furlong away from it. Since Shencotta was on the frontier, people flocked into these shops from the neighbouring British Indian villages. As a result, the places

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